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Comparison Chart—Virtual Schools

This chart is designed to be used with the paper on Virtual Schools. It allows the reader to compare the various schools on several key features and then turn to the paper for more detailed information on those schools of special interest.

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| Abbingtion Hill Online School | Private Non-sectarian | Unscheduled, asynchronous | Athletes, actors, other professionals | \$150 per month plus cost of software \$60 ea. | Not formally. Can get a Maine diploma. | B.S. or better, but perhaps not a license | Advanced Learning Systems (CD) | Yes, home school or regular | No | Assigned counselors |
| Advanced Academics | Private | Asynchronous with some real time communication | Charter schools and school district coop | \$335 per semester course | Claim it but evidence only of NCAA approval | Yes. Must have five years of experience | Not emphasized on web page | No. Must come from a school district | No | Will adjust course content to state standards |
| Alpha-Omega Academy Online | Private Christian | Unscheduled, asynchronous | Home schoolers GR. 3 -12 | \$750 + \$100 E. in 3 –6. \$875 7-12 | Claims to be but does not say by whom | Yes | Switched-on Schoolhouse on CD ROM | Yes | No | Placement tests |
| APEX Learning Systems | Private Non-sectarian | Unscheduled, asynchronous | AP candidates | \$395 per semester course | If school district that accepts credits is accredited then it applies. | Bachelors w/ exp. In AP or M.S. or Ph.d w/experience in college or h.s. | All software necessary available on Internet free. | No | No | Provides exam review materials at extra cost of \$50. |
| ArabesQ Online Academy | Private Islamic | Asynchronous with synchronous seminars | Home-school- ed Islamic students/un- der-educated women | \$150 per month +\$150 E. | Claims to have applied, but does not say to what organization | Not indicated | ICQ Chat software | Yes 24 credits required 80% mastery | No | Features courses in Qur'an and Islamic studies. |
| Arkansas Virtual High School | State run | Asynchronous | Public School high school students | Free | Not indicated, but obviously approved by Arkansas | Yes, except for a few from private schools | Not indicated | No. Diplomas offered by local districts | No | Exams in face- tt-face mode. |

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| Athena Academy | Private, non-sectarian | Partially synchronous | Home schoolers at least age 9 | \$50 per month w/ general mentor, \$75 with subject-specific | Not claimed on web page | Bachelor's degree, teaching experience preferred | Uses MOO with HTML front end. | Not mentioned | No | Individual learning plans for all students |
| Babbage Net School | Private | Fully synchronous, High Tech | New York junior and senior high students | \$1500 year per course | By BOCES. These are intermediate Ed. Agen. Affiliated w/ SEA in NY | Yes | Learnline, whiteboard prog., interactive audio and video | No. Credits are given by district. | No | Good website. Can visit a demonstration course. |
| Basehor-Linwood Virtual Charter School | School Districts | Unscheduled, asynchronous | Students currently home schooled or by local school district request | No charge for Kansas students. \$40 book charge | By Kansas State Board of Education | Yes | IRC chat room technology. Virtual field trips | Yes. Two. General and College Prep. Each 25 credits. | Yes. Students pay \$20 checkout fee | Students present for orientation and take final tests on campus. |
| Brigham-Young Independent Study Online | University | Unscheduled, asynchronous | General population | \$88 per half credit + \$10 E. | To the extent that a school accepting credits is accredited. | Yes | Pretty much correspondence school on net. E-mail contact. | Yes. Three. Each 24 credits. College prep, vocational, GED | No | Proctored final exams. Must take four courses every six months |
| CCS Web Academy | School Districts in Cumberland County | Mix of asynchronous and synchronous | Students authorized by guidance counselors | Free to county students others \$200 per course | To the extent that a participating school is accredited | Yes. | Threaded discussion web using "Frontpage" software | No. Granted by participating school districts | No | "Cybrary" of bookmarks. Spokes and Wheels program. |
| ChildU | Private Non-sectarian | Unscheduled asynchronous | Students in grades 1-8, often home schooled | \$59 per months w/out "eteacher" \$69 with | Not claimed on webpage | Yes | Program developed by AIT based on national standards | NA | No | Placement tests. May be at different levels in different subjects |

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| Choice 2000 Charter Online High School | Five California counties | Mix of asynchronous and synchronous | Students from the consortium districts | Free to member districts. \$175 per nine-week course to others | Yes. Western Association of Schools and Colleges WASC | Yes | Interwise Learning Platform for activities | Yes. Requires large number of 9 week courses. | No | Students appear three times at school for orientation etc. |
| Christa MacAuliffe Academy | Private – Non-sectarian | Mostly asynchronous with scheduled teacher sessions | Gifted students | \$199 per month plus enrollment fee. | NWA | Yes | Nova Net and Plato courses | Yes. Twenty-four credits nine through 12 | No | Students take only 2 courses at a time, for a month to six weeks each. |
| Chrysalis Internet School | Private – Non-sectarian | Not clear | General students | By course: \$395 Full programs at \$335 and \$675 a month. Second provides more direct contact. | North West Association of Schools and Colleges NWA | Yes | Not clear | Yes. Requires 19 credits as per Washington law | No | Mixed online and face to face courses. Has a campus. Credit for work in community. |
| Clintondale Virtual High School | Run by a school District | Mostly Asynchronous | District students, home schooled students | \$325 per semester course | Not except to the extent that the managing school is certified in the state | Yes | Uses the Blackboard system | Yes. Twenty-four credits required | No | Students must meet attendance and use requirements |
| Colorado Online School Consortium | Fourteen Colorado School Districts | Mix of synchronous and asynchronous | Students wanting wider range of courses | No cost to members of consortium | State of Colorado | Yes | Streaming audio/video, conferencing technology | No. Issued by member districts | No | Students must log in. Attendance taken |
| Compuhigh Online High School | Clonlara Correspondence School | Mostly asynchronous, but with some synchronous activities | Home schooled students | Clonlara enrollees--\$90 per course \$275 for others | Does not claim it on webpage | Not indicated | Bulletin board/chatroom IRC | Yes. Students may need to take some paper courses. | No | Mix of online and paper and pencil courses for many students |

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| CyberSchool | Private - Non-sectarian | Mostly asynchronous, but varies by teacher | Oregon students | \$300 per one semester course, in increments of \$60 because of their credit system | NWASC ACIIE | Yes | A variety, depending on teacher. | No. Credits awarded by school district | No | Market driven system in which teachers develop and “sell” courses through school. |
| Delta Cyberschool | School districts in Delta-Greeley Area – Chartered by Alaska | Unscheduled, Asynchronous | Students in Delta-Greeley Area – Public School | Free to Alaska, full time students. Fee per course for supplemental work | By State of Alaska as a charter school | Yes | Not discussed in detail on website but does have an electronic portfolio of student work. | Yes. Follows Alaska requirements including CAT and Writing Assessment | No | Performance based assess. 25% knowledge 25% Application 25% participation 25% self-reflec. |
| Dennison On-Line Internet School | Private, non-sectarian | Mostly unscheduled, asynchronous, but with chat rooms | Students at least 12 years of age reading at seventh grade level or better | \$6000 per calendar year. May not be in another school | ACIIE | Yes | IRC client | Yes. 16 ½ credits required. Core Knowledge | No | Has expanded program for college bound. Online bookstore with Amazon.com |
| E2020 | Private, for profit | Currently largely asynchronous, plans to add. | Students who have dropped out of school | From \$1000 to \$4500, arranged with school districts based on school aids | State of Michigan | Yes | Uses web-cams to take attendance | Students receive district diploma saying E2020 virtual graduate. | Yes | Works closely with districts and with SEA. Will tailor program to district needs |
| Eagle Christian High School | Private Christian | Unscheduled, asynchronous | Home schooled students and those looking for Christian Education | \$295 per course. Full program \$1400 per year. | State of Montana | Teachers all have BA. All have teaching experience. | No | Not absolutely stated, but implied. | No | Affiliated with a regular Christian private school |

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| ECO 2000 Consortium | Consortium of school districts in Maine | Unscheduled, asynchronous | Enrichment for students in consortium districts | None for member students | No | Yes | No special software needed for the open Chat rooms | No | No | Thematic courses. Open chatrooms that can be viewed on line by anyone |
| E.COT Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow | Statewide Charter School | Unscheduled, asynchoronous | Alternative to regular school Ages 5-23 | None (limited to Ohio students) | Yes, by State of Ohio | All licensed in Ohio | Yes. Provided on computers furnished by school | Yes, grants a regular diploma | Yes, computer, peripherals, software, and internet connection | Provides Counseling and special education services |
| Education Program for Gifted Youth | Stanford University Continuing Studies Program | Partly synchronous and partly asynchronous | Gifted youth | From \$435 to \$600 per course | Not indicated, however courses are sometimes recognized for Stanford credit | Not necessarily as they may be college instructors. Chosen for ability with gifted students. | Yes, for virtual classroom | No. Courses may be given credit toward graduation in school districts | No | Uses CDs and web-based technology. Large program. Students must give evidence of giftedness. |
| Educational Services Incorporated | Private, non-sectarian | Asynchronous | Home schoolers, drop outs, at risk, medical problems | Not sure | No | Yes | Depends upon provider when brokered | No. Diplomas granted by school districts | Yes, computer and Internet connectivity | Counseling service. Some brokered courses. |
| Eldorado Academy | Private, non-sectarian school | Some synchronous and some asynchronous | K –12 students | \$175 per month plus registration of \$125. | Seeking North Central accreditation | Yes | No | Yes. If entire program is completed. | No | Uses the Core Knowledge program. Very inflexible. Mastery learning philosophy. |

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| Electronic High School | State of Utah | Courses are delivered in different ways, two-way TV, public tv, and Internet. | High School students in Utah | Depends on source. The six courses done by the state are free to Utah students. Out-of-state \$100 per semester. | State of Utah | Yes | Yes, for interactive TV they need access to the set-up. | No | No | School is really a central area for collecting information on grades and reporting grades to student's district |
| E-School | State of Hawaii | Some synchronous activities | Hawaiian high school students | Free to Hawaiian students. May be charge for others. Chicago is a participant. | State of Hawaii | Yes | May need a Moo client for synchronous activities | I think that diplomas come from regular school district | No | Uses educational TV on cable and videos as well as Internet. Quiz on internet capability may lead to taking a special course. |
| Florida High School | Florida DPI plus orange county and Alachua County School Districts | Unscheduled and asynchronous now, but plans to expand tech | Florida high school students | Florida residents free. \$250 per course outside of Florida | State of Florida | Yes | Logal software | Not yet. Plan to by 2001 | No. Has caused some accusations of favoring wealthy | Uses simulation activities. Follows Florida standards |
| Fraser Valley Distance Education School | Fraser Valley School District | Both synchronous and asynchronous | Students age 5 or above who have an adult to act as mentor | Free to local students not enrolled in school. \$250 per course for students in school or out of district. | British Colombia Ministry of Education | Yes | CoNNect for elementary students. Successmaker and Oscar for secondary | Yes, for students in full-time program | No. | Has some paper-based and mail-delivered features, but is moving toward totally elec-tronic format |

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| Garden Schools | Private Christian, non-denominational | Unscheduled, asynchronous | Christian youth | \$1500 per year. Enrollment fee of \$100. | Hope to be accredited by North Central by 2004. | Yes | No | No. Will by 2004 | No | No grades. Instead stages of learning into which students are placed by test. May be at different stages in diff. subjects |
| Gridlink Online Education System | Private, Non sectarian | Mostly unscheduled, asynchronous | Students who cannot attend regular schools. Must be eight years of age | 135£ to age 14 145£ after 14 | Not claimed on webpage | Not indicated | No | Purpose not to grant diploma, but to prepare students for Plus 16 or SAT tests | No | Students are screened for admission. Tutor support provided daily or weekly. Programs quite individualized |
| Illinois Virtual High School | Run by State | Asynchronous for the most part | Illinois students | No charge to Illinois students | Approved by Illinois | Yes | Not indicated. Getting some courses from Florida H.S. | Not determined | No | Integration of technology with subject matter is a focus. |
| International High School | Affiliated with a private school | A lot of synchronous features | Top students | \$9000 per year \$200 in fees plus books. | NCAA and Univ. of Cal. | Yes | Conferencing software also streaming audio and video | Yes. | No | One on one meetings with teacher. Online, real time assessments |
| Internet Academy | Washington State | Mostly asynchronous | K – 12 Washington students not enrolled in regular school | Basic prog. free to Wash. students. \$140/12-wk elem.course. and \$275 sec | State of Washington | Yes | On-line orientation exercise, software tutorials. | No. Credits given by local school district | No | Assessments on or off line. Courses have pretty specific titles. |

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| Internet Home School.Com | Private | Some provision for synchronous activities | Home school students | Up front cost of \$400. Some is refundable. Then \$150 per month for full program | CITA and regional accrediting associations | Not indicated, but if accredited by CITA, it must be required | A number of freeware programs are specified. | Yes. Private school. | No | Heavy parent responsibilities. Must help with grading, etc. Also supervise student. |
| Indiana University High School Diploma Program | Indiana University Distance program | Asynchronous | Anyone | Regular university course fees | Not mentioned on webpage | Not indicated. Taught by university staff | No | Yes, but most courses must be taken through correspondence | No | Only a few of its 100+ courses are offered online. |
| Juneau Cyber School | Alaska | Parents pick vendors, so it depends | Primarily Alaska home schooled students | None. Actually state furnishes some resources | Alaska | Parent or some other person is the actual instructor | Depends on provider | Get credit from district. May participate in extra-curriculars | Yes, computer, connectivity, and \$1400 in resources from provider list. | Parents must work out and submit curricular plan in line with Alaska standards |
| K12 | Private run by Wm. Bennett and a Board of high powered types | A fairly elaborate mix of elements. About 25% of time online. | Currently K – 2 homeschooled students. Will partner with charter schools | \$125 per semester course. \$895 for full year program | Not indicated on web page. | No teachers as such. Although highly qualified teachers can be made available | Again, a variety of technology | NA as current program is only K - 2 | Provided as part of program | Heavy emphasis on phonics in reading. Also direct instruction |
| Kentucky Virtual High School | State of Kentucky | Unscheduled, Asynchronous | Kentucky High School Students | \$300 per course paid by school district. Not available now to others | Kentucky | Yes | Uses Class.com courses | No. Credit given by school districts | No | Courses provided by Class.com. Also partners with eCollege. |

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| Keystone virtual High School | Private, non-sectarian. Started at request of PA school districts | Currently unscheduled, asynchronous | Pennsylvania high school students | \$299 per course Five course max w/out approval of Director | NASC, CITA, DETC | Yes | No | Yes. 4 Eng., 4SS, 3M, 3Sci, 1Arts, 1 health, 4El, 1Skills | No | Online personal space, chatrooms, Tests online, credit for prior work |
| Learning Park Virtual School | Private | Could be largely asynchronous or synchronous, depending on teacher | Students with an interest. | Each teacher decides on fees for course School suggests that teachers share fees with school. | No | Not necessarily | Quite a lot of software provided | No | No | School provides technology to prospective teachers—a “classroom” etc. Teachers develop and offer courses to any takers |
| Louisiana Virtual Classroom | Louisiana DPI | Asynchronous | Louisiana, members of consortium | Free | Not indicated | Yes | Depends on course | No. Diplomas given by school district | No | Student self-screening. Virtual parent conferences |
| Maryland Vir. H. S of Science and Math | Montgomery Blair and consortium | Scheduled and synchronous | Science and Math students in Maryland | Sponsored by NSF | Not indicated | Yes | Special software language. | Credit given by schools | Provided by schools | Mostly face to face, though some off campus activities take place on Internet |
| Michigan V.H. and AP Academy | Michigan | Depends on source for courses | Small schools, AP students, at risk, gifted, home school and special needs students | Barter system like Concord group. If courses come from Univ. or Apex, dist. pays. | Michigan | Yes. | Depends on course | For now will cooperate with local school districts. May have one later. | No. | May broker some courses through independent providers. Scholarships. |

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| Milw.ATC Virtual High School Program | Milwaukee Area Technical College | Unscheduled, asynchronous | Students beyond normal graduating age. | Most courses \$202. | North Central Ass. | MATC staff. May not be licensed K-12 | Intra-learn program | Yes, regular, GED, HSED | No | Many students work and can't attend day classes |
| Mindquest | Bloomington Minnesota School District | Unscheduled, asynchronous but some virtual discussions | Students at least 17 years of age. | Free to MN students \$300 per course plus \$50 registration fee. | Recognized by Minnesota and by school district | Yes | FirstClass Software covered by course fees | Yes, from Bloomington H.S. | No | Portfolio based learning. Self directed learning project and grad portfolio required. |
| Monte Vista Online Academy | Colorado – through Finance Act | Asynchronous, each in an individual virtual classroom. | Colorado middle and high school students | Most materials and costs free to CO. students, including internet charges if program completed | Recognized by Colorado | Yes | No. | Yes, 26 credits required. 4E, 3SS, 2M, Tsci, 1PE, 1Key, 2CS, 11EL | Yes, for needy students | Counseling and tutoring online. Individual learning plans. |
| Net School | Hillsboro School District | Asynchronous | Oregon students | If not enrolled, no fees. Fund transfer for other Oregon districts. \$350 per course out of state. | Not indicated | Yes, Hillsboro teachers. | Not indicated | No. Credit offered by districts | No | Limited course offering. Must participate three days per week. |
| Nevada Virtual High School | White Pine County School District | Asynchronous | White Pine Students and other Nevada students | White Pine students free. \$3400 per year for others. | Nevada | Yes | Apex Software and Nova Net | Student's home district | No | Online 20 hours per week. Teacher assistance 12 hours per school day. |

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| New Mexico Virtual School | State of New Mexico | Asynchronous | New Mexico students. AP emphasis now. Just starting | No cost | New Mexico | Yes | APEX software | Gives credit, but no diploma yet. | No | Emphasis on migrant students. |
| NorthStar Academy | Christian, Private school | Unscheduled, asynchronous | Christian home schooled students | \$2680 per year, (6credits) or \$455 full year & \$255 semester individual course \$100 | DETC applied for | Yes | First Star Software CD Includes Necessary free And share ware | Yes, 24 credits, 4E, 3M, 3Sci, 3SS, 1PE, .5 Gov, .5Econ, .5 H, 9 EL. | No | All teachers born again. Branches in Canada and Eng. Parents proctor exams. |
| North Dakota U. Div. Of Ind. Study | University | Unscheduled, asynchronous | High school students a few middle school | Same as for “paper” correspondence school courses | Not indicated on webpage | Yes | No | No. Credit offered by individual school district | No | Sells courses to other schools. |
| Oak Meadow Online School | A private correspondence school | Some realtime interchange, but mostly asynchronous | High School and Middle school homeschoolers | Middle school - \$795 per semester plus fees. High school \$395 + | Not mentioned on web page | Not clear. Teacher information on web page but not credentials | Has its own programs that are provided with course | Yes. Must complete Oak Meadow Curriculum | No | “On Ramp” program to prepare students for online work. Year book, etc. |
| Odyssey Charter School | Instrumentality of Clark Co. Nevada | Mostly asynchronous, but see last column | Students in neighborhood of Clark County | No tuition | Only as a Nevada school | Yes all teachers are licensed | Not noted on web site | Not indicated. Believe diploma comes from local school | No | One hour in-home teacher a week. Required group class activities one per month. |
| Plano ISD eSchool | Plano Independent School Dist. | Asynchronous | Students of Plano Sch. Dist., | \$295 per course if outside of Plano | Accredited by State of Texas | Yes. | A CD with necessary software included | Diplomas granted by local district. | No | Two course limit at a time. Program lists class activities. |

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| Potter's School, The | Private Christian non-denominational school | Primarily synchronous | Home schooled students | \$125 per course in Jr. High, \$150 in high school. \$25 new student fee, \$30 yearly regis. | Not claimed on webpage | Claim "qualified" does not go so far as to claim certification | Yes. Conferencing. Covered by fees. PCs only. | Not mentioned. | No | Statement of faith. Open topic forums, online yearbook, school newspaper, e-zine. |
| Regine Coeli Online Academy | Private Catholic Academy | Largely synchronous in IRC environment | Catholic Students wanting a classical educ. | \$350-500 per course plus \$80-100 regis. | No. School recommends students take SAT, ACT, AP | Not mentioned, but teachers highly educated. | Some real audio files. IRC client | Yes, but is not big on it. 20 credits required. May specialize | No | No grades given. Portfolios instead. Books arranged by Amazon.com |
| Rocky View Virtual School Program | Calgary Public Schools | Mixed synchronous & asynchronous, and some face to face required in person | Limited to students at George McDougall High School in Calgary | \$180 per year was only highschool, but now gr. 7-8 available | If school that issues the diploma is accredited | Yes | Yes. Paid for by fee. Conferencing software. | Yes, the regular McDougall diploma. | Yes | Students must appear on campus for some lab work, etc. Key Parent program. |
| Sagemont Virtual School | Private School with a real campus | Asynchronous | Eclectic | \$450 in fees plus \$9750 per year program | Not sure | Yes | Florida High School, Jones Knowledge and I Reality | Yes | No | Various programs to accommodate various students. |
| Scholars Online Academy | Institute for Study of Liberal Arts and Sciences (Private) | Largely synchronous in IRC environment | Classically oriented students (Sister to Regina Coeli, but with less religious emphasis.) | \$350-500 per course plus registration fee of \$100 | No. School recommends student take SAT, ACT, AP | Not indicated | IRC Client | Yes. Twenty credits required | No. | Does not use traditional grading system. Portfolios. Focuses on science |

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| SeeUonline | Matanuska-Susitna districts in Alaska | Unscheduled and asynchronous except for some IRC text-based interaction | Students in the participating burroughs | Free to participating burroughs, \$275 per semester course elsewhere | Recognized by State of Alaska | Yes | IRC Client | Yes. The regular Matanuska-Susitna diploma must complete the full program. | No | Full program grades 5-8. Supplementary work grades 3 –12. |
| Sycamore Tree Online | Private, non-denominational Christian school | Unscheduled, asynchronous | Christian students, often home schooled. | \$1000 for full, five class program. Enrollment fee of \$100. Grad fee of \$50. Indiv. Course \$225. | Claims accreditation, but does not indicate by what group | Yes. | Switched-on Curriculum software. Necessary software comes on CD ROM. | Yes. Regular and college-bound. Each 22 credits, same but for more math, science, and for. lang. | No | Message board available online. Uses CTBS tests. Grades 3 -12 |
| T.E.A.C.H. The Einstein Acad. Charter School | Charter School of Pennsylvania | Mostly asynchronous | K –12 Students unable or unwilling to attend school | Free to Penn. Students | State of Penn. | Yes | Furnished by school | Yes. | Yes. Provides all hardware, software and books | Live connections with teachers as needed during school day. Advisors |
| Trent Schools, The | Non-sectarian private school. Was started by Quakers, but no longer affiliated | Unscheduled, asynchronous | Gifted/Talented and “professional” students Must be at least grade 2 | Gr. 2-5 \$485 yr. Gr. 6-8 \$571 High Sch. \$672 Online teacher \$325. Gifted prog. \$325 yr. | No. Does not believe in accreditation and makes a point of it. | Yes | No | Yes. Can get by completing program or by testing. | No | Very rigid, correspondence style program. Each course has 24 lessons and six tests. Teacher help is extra online. |

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| Univ. of Cal. Extension Online | University | Unscheduled, asynchronous | Regular high school students | Same cost as correspondence courses | California | Yes | No | No. Students get credit from their districts | No | Most of distance courses are not online. Does provide message board, hypertext syllabus, lecture notes. Tests are proctored and off-line. |
| Univ. of Missouri High | University | Unscheduled, asynchronous | High school students | \$95 per course plus \$15 handling fee All courses 1 sem. | North Central | Yes | None indicated. | Yes, but students can not get all courses online. | No. | Currently offers 15 courses in English, science, and social studies. |
| University of Nebraska, (Class.com) | Private, connected to University | Unscheduled, asynchronous | High school students | \$295 each. | North Central | Yes | Yes | Yes, Offered by Nebraska U. distance school. A variety of tech. | No | On-line binders for classnotes, homework, test scores, graphics, and other data. |
| Village Learning Center | Private, for profit | Mostly asynchronous, some live chats | High school students | \$385 per "unit" | Applied to NWASC | Yes, in California | Chat@Talk-City program for Chats | Yes | No | Based upon 15 interdisciplinary units. Some live chats. |

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| Virginia Internet High School | Seems to be private, but is strongly linked to Virginia standards, and laws | Unscheduled, asynchronous | Virginia high school students. Targeted to students with difficulty in traditional setting | \$500 per 90 hour course. | To the extent that school issuing the diploma is accredited. | Yes | None indicated | No. Students are enrolled by a local district. Limit of 3 courses per student. | No | Teachers are independent contractors teaching courses and are paid by the number of students attracted to and taking the courses. |
| Virtual Greenbush | Kansas | Varies depending on source of course | Kansas school students | Apparently paid for by district or state Homeschoolers may have to pay cost of course. | Kansas | Yes | This varies depending upon the source of the course. | No. Credits count toward district diploma | No | School is a management device. Students take courses approved by Greenway and offered by its list |
| Virtual High School | Concord Consortium. Through Hudson, Mass. School District | Asynchronous | High school students wanting diverse course selection | A school providing a course for 20 students can place 20 of their students in other courses free. Other schools can buy space at \$800 per course | To the extent that school issuing the diploma is accredited | Yes | Learning Space software. Allows teachers flexibility in use of technology | No. Students receive credit from their local participating school district. Most courses are elected because of interest in specific content | No | Large program. Virtual campus with threaded chat rooms, online catalog. Has yearbook, newspaper, and showcase for student work. |
| Virtual H. S.Com | Ontario Board of Education | Asynchronous with some synchronous features | General student body | Not indicated. Just opening | Ontario | Yes | Some software required. Not specific. | Plans to, but not yet. Curriculum not complete | No | Varied course formats, but this is not explained. |

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| Virtual School for the Gifted | Private School, non-sectarian. | Asynchronous within a fixed time period | Gifted children | \$195 Australian per course. Some group possibilities | Not indicated on web page | Yes | No. | No, but does provide a certificate for courses | No | Specific thematic-courses, often interdisciplinary. Quite individualized |
| Virtual School @ Liverpool (N.Y.) | Liverpool school district | A mix of asynchronous and synchronous | Students preparing for Regents Exam. | No fee as currently is local. Will have fees when expanded | No | Yes | Some programs will be required to handle synchronous activities. | Not yet, but will. | No | Plans to use a lot of technology. |
| Willoway Cyber School | Private Prep School | Blend of synchronous and asynchronous | Technologically savvy students, grades 7 –12. Does not take incoming seniors | Gr. 7-8 \$2250 Gr. 9-12 \$2650 \$125 enrollment fee. Can not take separate courses. | ACIIE and seeks more | Yes | “Flash” technology. Allows direct visual exchanges. | Yes. 23.5 courses. 4E, 3M, 4SS, 3Sci, 4 El, 4 interactive, 2PE, .5 health Also senior project | No | Constructivist philosophy. Uses simulations |
| WISE Internet High School | Private, non-sectarian | Scheduled, asynchronous courses. Limits teacher interaction | Virginia students | \$500 per course plus \$30 enrollment . Limit to 2 courses at first Will “exchange” courses with other schools. | DETC and SACS | Yes | No | Yes. 4E, 2M, 2Sci, 1Mor Sci, 1SS, 1Hist., 1 Gov, 9El. | No | Military origins. Tries to prevent teacher overload in terms of e-mail. |
| Zipstar Academy | Private for profit. | Mixed asynchronous and synchronous | Students anywhere, but based on Virginia standards | \$250 per course. | Not indicated | Yes | Not indicated. | Yes, but most students get credits from district. | No | Chatroom appointments with teachers. Teachers instructed in distance learning. |

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